

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing Amendment and the following Remarks.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 56-75 are pending in the Application. Based on the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding Objections and Rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Drawing Objection

FIG. 1 is objected to by the Examiner because it is not labeled --Prior Art --, although it illustrates what is known is the art. Accordingly, a --PRIOR ART -- label has been added to FIG. 1. Applicant therefore requests that the Objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 68 and 72-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner referred to the phrase “said as” in line 13 of claim 68 as rendering the claim unclear. Accordingly, the term “said” has been deleted.

Additionally, claims 69-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph in section 3 of the Office Action. Claims 69-71 were also indicated to be allowable in PTO FORM-326 and in Section 4 of the Office Action. Since claims 69-71 do not depend from claim 68 and the Office Action does not specifically reject them, Applicant believes the Examiner intended to only indicate claims 68 and 72-75 in the 112, 2nd paragraph rejection. Therefore, the rejection of

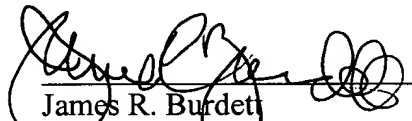
claims 68-75 is believed to be overcome and that claims 56-75 are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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